

(b) Yes.

(c) Seven Police Officers were injured.

(d) Yes, Two cases.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it a fact that the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Sri V. L. Patil was along with the Home Minister of India on that day from Samrao Aerodrome to Belgaum Circuit House?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is irrelevant; I disallow it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—(ಸಿ) ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ 7 ಮಂದಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಗಾಯಗೊಂಡರು ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಯಾರಿಗೂ ರಾಠಿಭಾರ್ಜು ಬೀಳಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ! ರಾಠಿಭಾರ್ಜುನಲ್ಲಿ 20-25 ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಗಾಯಗಳು ಆಗಿವೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಏನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ?

† **ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.**—ಗುಂಪನ್ನು ಚದುರಿಸಲು ಲಘು ಬೆತ್ತ ಪ್ರಹಾರ ನಡೆಯಿತು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಗಾಯಗಳು ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether any officer who was inside the car was injured?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—My report is that the Deputy Inspector General of Police who was sitting in the V. I. P. car was hit by a stone on the bridge of his nose causing bleeding injury.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗೃಹ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ? ಅವರನ್ನು ಏನಾದರೂ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಿದರೇ? ಅವರಿಗೆ ಏನು ಬಿದ್ದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೂ ಇದ್ದರು. ನಾವೇ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಏನಂತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗೃಹ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಬೆಳಗಾಂಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಸಲ. ಅದರಿಂದ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಒಬ್ಬ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೂಗಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸ ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಒಬ್ಬ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೋಗಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದರು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದರು.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know the name of the Minister?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is irrelevant.

Arrest Warrants against Markhal and Bothagi Villagers

190. **Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).**—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies visited the villages of Markhal and Bothagi of Humnabad Taluk as promised by him on the floor of the House on 22nd December 1967 in his capacity as Minister for Home. If so, his impressions, if not, the reasons for the same;

(b) the number of people of the said village who are under arrest and the number of them who are released on bail;

(c) the number of the persons under trial;

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(d) whether the Government intends to withdraw cases against the people of the said village with a view to bring harmony and peace between the people of those two villages;

(e) the number of arrest warrants pending if any, the number of persons wanted in Markhal against whom arrest warrants are pending;

(f) whether the people of Markhal have now returned to the village as per the reply given to my call attention notice on 18th December 1967 to the effect that the entire male population of Markhal was accused by the complainant and that the male population have been evading coming to the village; if so, the number of them that have returned;

(g) whether any new arrests during December, 1967 and now have been made and if so, the number of arrested persons and the stage and under what provisions of law cases, if any, pending against them;

(h) whether the Harijans have been provided with any alternative accommodation for their residence;

(i) whether it is a fact that S. P. Bidar inaugurated the colony at Markhal village boundary side and the S. I., Shitgoppa acted as a sponsorer and convenor of the inaugural meeting and collected huge amounts for that purpose at different places;

(j) whether it is a fact that after S. I. return from leave more reckless harassments were let loose on villagers of Markhal and more indiscriminate arrests were made and that the people have demanded his immediate transfer?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) No one is under arrest at present, 41 persons were arrested by the Police and were subsequently released on bail.

(c) 74.

(d) Does not arise as no application has been received requesting withdrawal of the case.

(e) Nil.

(f) The entire male population of the village has returned to the village.

(g) 26 persons were arrested during December 1967 and one person was arrested during August 1968. They were arrested in connection with Crime No. 47/67 under Sections. 148, 332, 149, 395 and 427 of I. P. C. of Chitguppa Police Station and the case is pending trial.

(h) The land measuring 10 acres out of S. Nos. 127 and 128 (5 acres from each) of Bhotgi village is being acquired and the acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(i) It is a fact that the Superintendent of Police took part in the inaugural function at the Harijan colony. But it is not a fact that the Sub-Inspector collected any amount for the inauguration meeting or for any other meetings.

(j) No.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—There was a representation before the then Chief Minister and Home Minister and he had promised on the floor of the House to visit the villages of Markhal and Bothagi of Humnabad Taluk and bring peace between the two fighting sections. What prevented the Hon'ble Minister who was present in Bidar District not to visit the villages?

†Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—There is some confusion. When I read the question, it becomes difficult for me to follow it. I cannot understand how the Minister for Food can be in the capacity of the Minister for Home.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Probably Sri Jatti was then temporarily holding the Home portfolio of Sri Rama Rao, who was the then Home Minister.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not think any such assurance was given on the floor of the House.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—He has given an assurance on the floor of the House. I have given the specific date on which the assurance was given.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have no information about the assurance. I have to go by the information that is now before me.

Mr. SPEAKER.—In that case I shall hold over the question till tomorrow.

Unauthorised removal of stones

217. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government made any attempts to trace the records regarding the quarry from which the stones were removed after reply to Starred Question No. 337 of the Third Session;

(b) if traced, which is the quarry from which the stones were removed, if not, is it the only record that is not available or if any other records corroborating with the same are also missing; if so, whether any enquiry has been instituted to fix the responsibility and the result of any such enquiry;